



Key 3 Perspectives



Fire Mountain Scout Camp here we come!

This summer over 1,300 scouts will be attending summer camp at Fire Mountain and this promises to be another great year for us at camp. We have continued to recognize areas that need improvement and are working very hard to be the number one camp in the Pacific Northwest. Of special interest are the three things that camps are generally judged on - staff, food and facility. Let's take a look at each:

Key Staff: Colleen Weeks is returning this year as our Camp Director. You may remember she was the energetic and creative Program Director last year. George Oxborrow will be our Camp Program Director, having served as our Climbing Director last year. These two have been hard at work for several months planning for summer camp and hiring summer camp staff. Colleen and George are team players and are building a strong summer camp staff. There are still spots left you know someone would like to work as staff at camp this coming summer. By the way be sure to go to the council web site and check out the Leader Guide. It can be found at: <https://www.mountbakerbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/fire-mountain-leader-guide-2016.pdf>

Food: Did I say something about food? Yes, we know that our food was not the best last year. Your Executive Board recognized the problem and pulled together a team of volunteers to identify the problem and recommend a solution. Here is what they said:

1. Number one is we need a cook with experience.
2. Next, we need more than one cook if we expect more food made from scratch.
3. And finally there needs to be more funds budgeted for food at camp.

Mark Norman will be our head cook for the summer. He comes with years of summer camp experience and runs a catering company. He will have a team of two additional assistant cooks plus other kitchen staff members. And his food budget has been increased by 14%. Will you get gourmet food at camp? NO. But you will get good, tasty food at summer camp this year.

Facility: There is a lot happening at camp in the next few weeks. The swim beach change house will be finished. [By the way, it looks awesome.] We will have a new and improved (much larger) parking lot with a new trail to get into camp. And finally, there will be four new staff cabins finished in time for camp with several tree houses on the way.

In case you did not know, the Marysville Rotary funded and provided labor to build the four staff cabins. Last weekend they were at camp with hammers, saws, nail guns, and levels. You name it they had it. Most of all, they came with the enthusiasm to build cabins for our incredible summer camp staff. It was very exciting to watch the progress through out the day. Our camp facilities are looking great.

See you at Fire Mountain this summer!

